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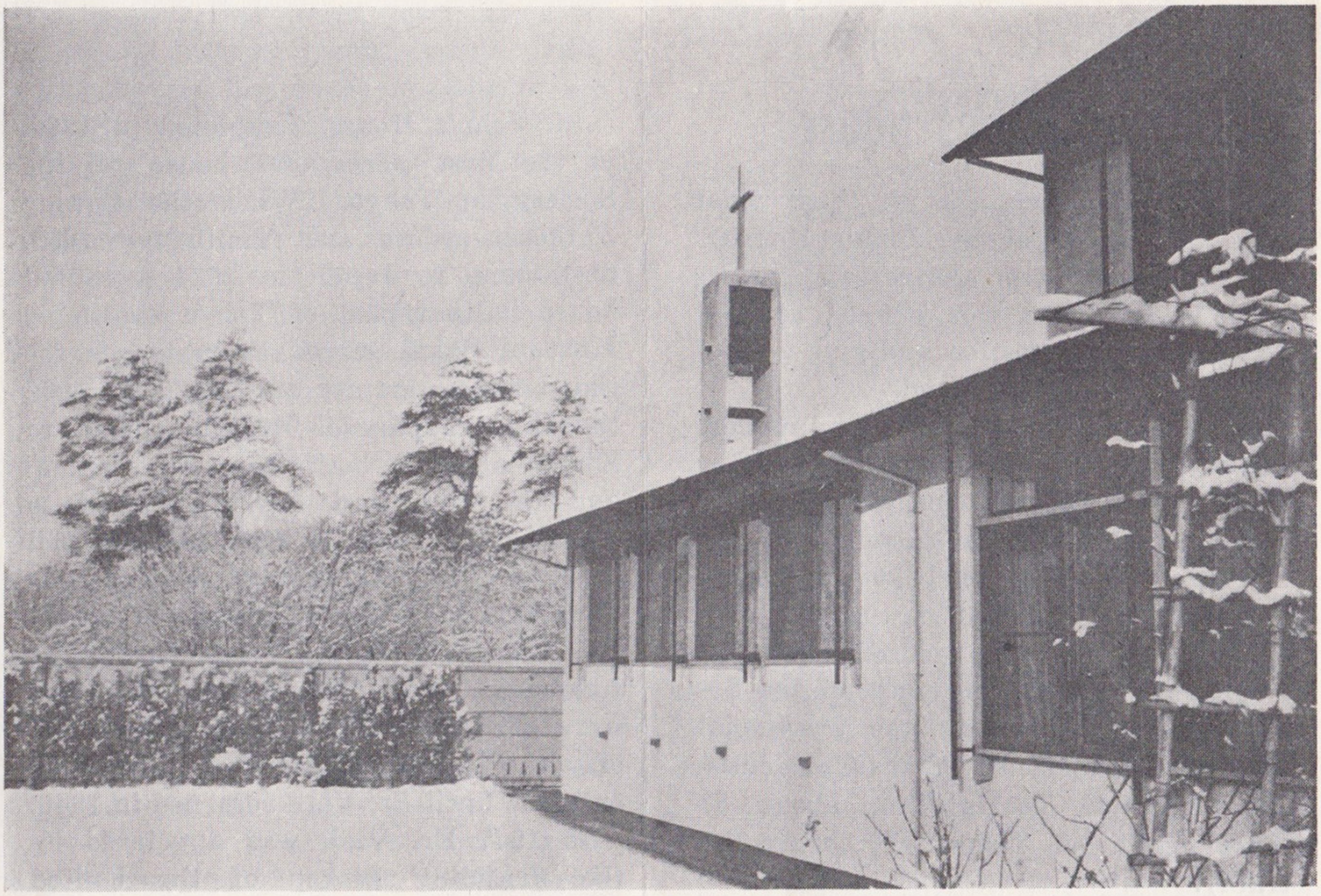

Winter at St. John's House.

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SAINT JOHN'S HOUSE

PEOPLE often ask us, "just what do you do at St. John's House?" As our fifth anniversary draws near we shall, in this article, attempt to answer this question and give a brief sketch of our background.

St. John's House, known in Japanese as *Higashi Kurume Shudoin* (東久留米修道院), is located in the town of Kurume, one of the suburbs on the Northwest outskirts of Tokyo. It is the Tokyo Branch House of the Japanese Province of the Society of St. John The Evangelist. The main house of the Society in Japan, where the Provincial Superior lives, is St. Michael's Monastery, Oyama, Tochigi-Ken, about 50 miles north of Tokyo (1½ hours by train).

St. John's House, completed in 1960, is the first *permanent* house of the Society in Tokyo. When the Cowley Fathers, as we are familiarly called, first came to Japan in 1934 a rented house in that part of Tokyo known as Musashi Sakai served as residence for the small community until 1935. In 1936 the three Japanese Fathers moved to Kiryū, about 2 hours west of Oyama, and the American Fathers moved to Kōenji, and later to Shimoochiai, still in Tokyo. St. Michael's Monastery was completed in 1939, and all of the Brethren moved there in November. The following year foreign missionaries were invited to leave Japan. This left only the Japanese Fathers, who carried on alone until Fr. Viall returned in 1946.

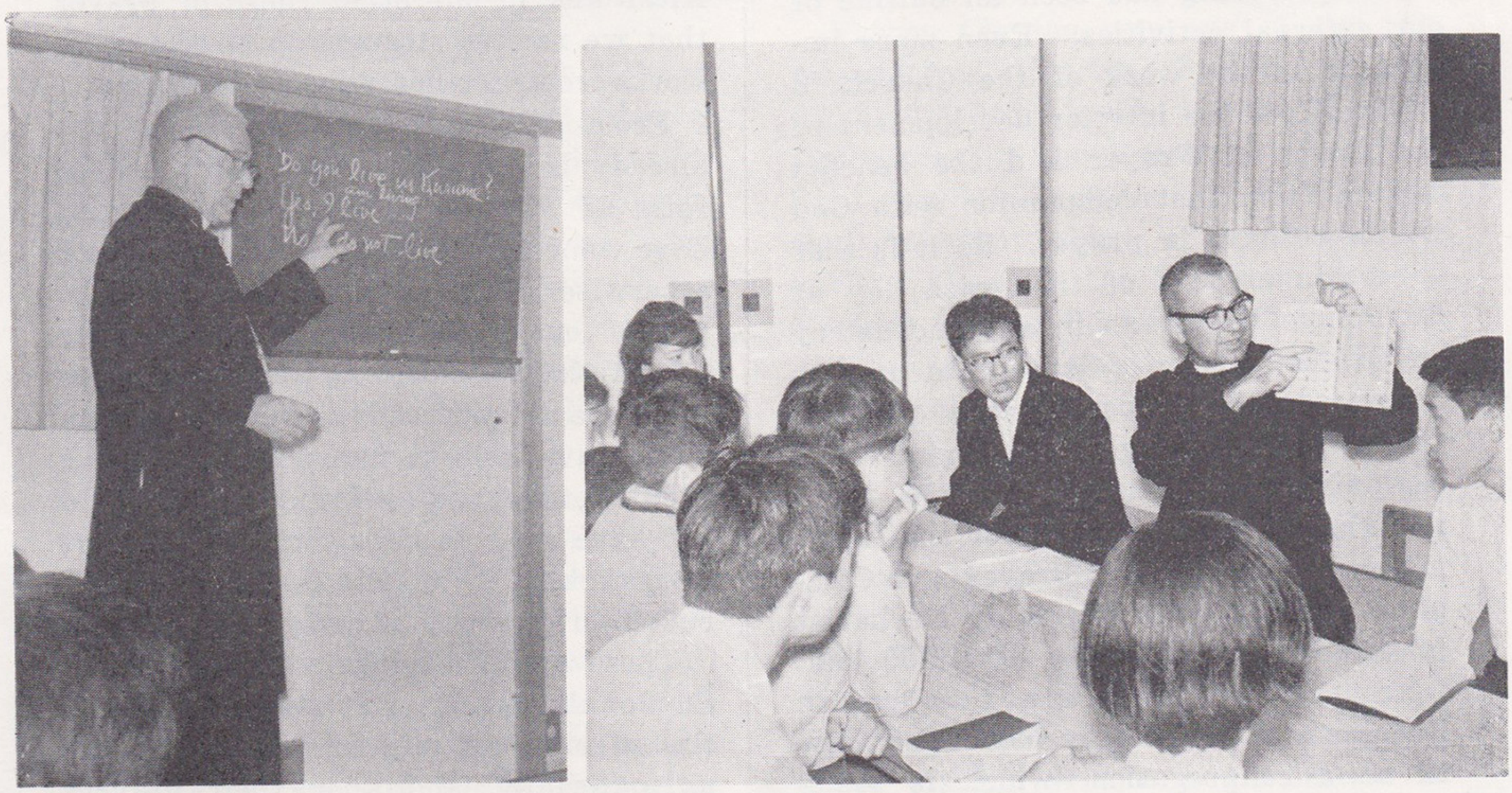
In 1947 Fr. Viall was appointed by the Presiding Bishop of the United

States to work in Tokyo as liaison representative of the American Church. This brought to two the number of Cowley Fathers then in Tokyo. One of the Japanese Fathers had gone to Rikkyo University (St. Paul's) to be on the University Chaplain's staff towards the end of the war, and became Senior Chaplain soon after the war, a position he still holds. Then, in 1949, Fr. Viall was elected and consecrated as Assistant Bishop of Tokyo.

The Father Superior wanted the Society to have a house in Tokyo for retreats, and as a center from which to work, but felt the first need was to strengthen the work at Oyama. This was done by Fr. Dale's return to Japan in 1951 as Provincial Superior. His sudden death in 1956, while on furlough in America, seemed to be a blow to plans for the establishment of a Tokyo House. But early in 1958, another Father was sent to Japan, this time for the development of work in Tokyo. In 1959 a third American Father came out to strengthen the Tokyo work. This little community lived for a time in the house Bishop Viall then had near the Tokyo Tower. Land was purchased in Kurume Machi, and St. John's House was built, being completed at the end of 1959, and solemnly dedicated on January 1, 1960. Since that time three Fathers of the Society have usually been in residence at St. John's House, with visits by other Fathers from time to time.

St. John's House is the center from which a number of missionary activities are carried out. The teaching of English conversation several times each week is the basis from which our other missionary work develops. There are also Bible classes, and sometimes sessions of individual instruction.

In addition to the regular weekly activities, there are also retreats at vari-

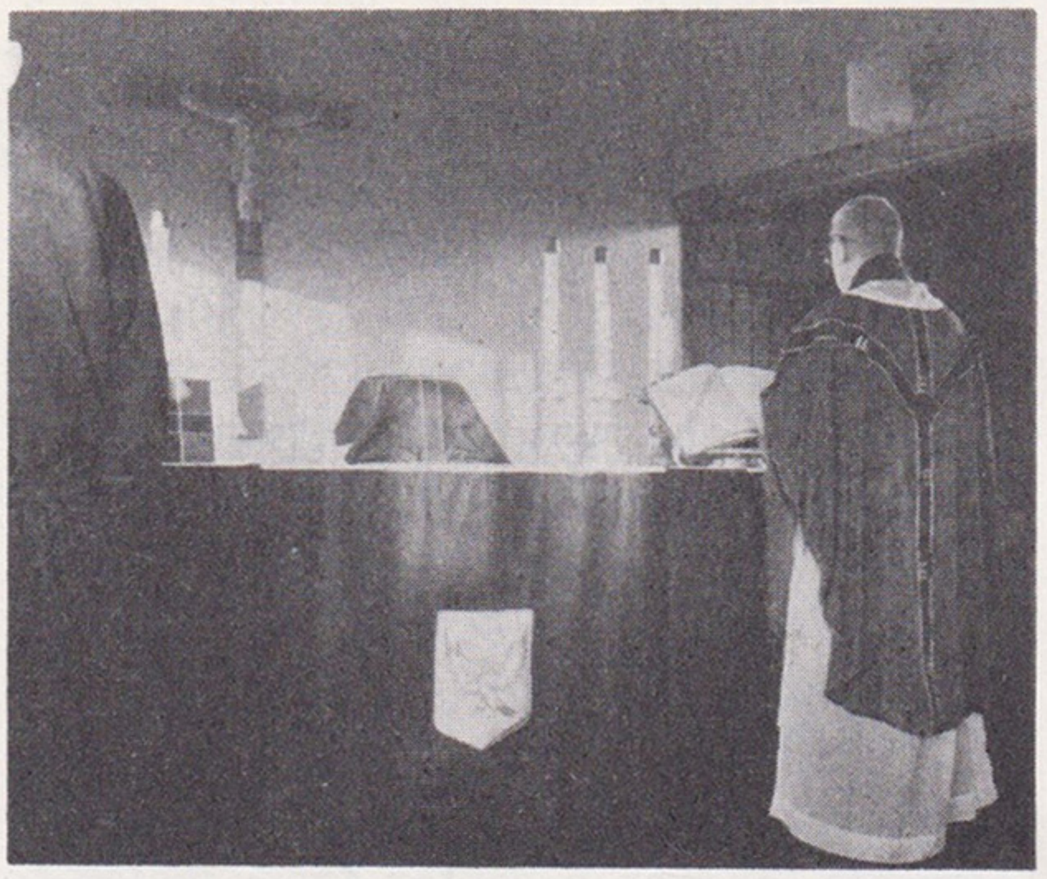


English Classes at St. John's House.

ous intervals, both for individuals and for groups. Some of these are at St. John's House, and the Fathers go out to other places to conduct some.

Among the outside activities of the Fathers are regular Sunday services for American Armed Forces personnel at nearby bases, and at St. Patrick's Church, Tachikawa. Each Thursday morning one of the Fathers takes his turn celebrating the Liturgy in English at the Convent of the Community of Nazareth. This has usually meant going to the Convent the evening before, and spending the night. Out of this has developed contacts with some of the young men living in that neighborhood, another area of mission. There are also, from time to time, other outside activities; English and Bible classes at a hospital in the next town, classes at one of the colleges, and attendance at summer camps and conferences.

The preceding has been an outline of our external activities. Even more important to the work of the Church in the world is the interior development of the Spirit of Prayer and the benefits coming from that communion with God which we have in prayer. So it is that a certain amount of time each day at St. John's House, as in any monastery or mission house, is devoted to prayer. There are the corporate acts of vocal prayer in the saying of the Divine Office beginning with Mattins at 6:30 A.M., and ending the main part of the working day with Evening Prayer and Compline at 6:00 P.M. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated each day at 7:00 A.M. (except when there are not enough Fathers and others in residence for there to be a congregation—which is sometimes the case).



Mass at St. John's House.

Finally there is the work of Mental Prayer, wherein each Father spends an hour each day meditating upon one or more of the many works of God, and contemplating the Divine Mysteries of His love. It is from our communion with God in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar and in our other times of prayer that we receive strength to do the other works we are called upon to perform.

From our external work we are already beginning to see results in the form of friendship between many who have come to our classes who would not otherwise come to know one another. All of our students and friends have come to know something about God, even if all are not yet ready to believe in Him. Some have come to know Him and have been baptized and confirmed. This could not have come to be without the help of God working in us, and in them through our interior work of prayer.

These are the things which we do at St. John's House. But we depend upon the offerings of our friends to support us materially, and upon their prayers to support us spiritually.

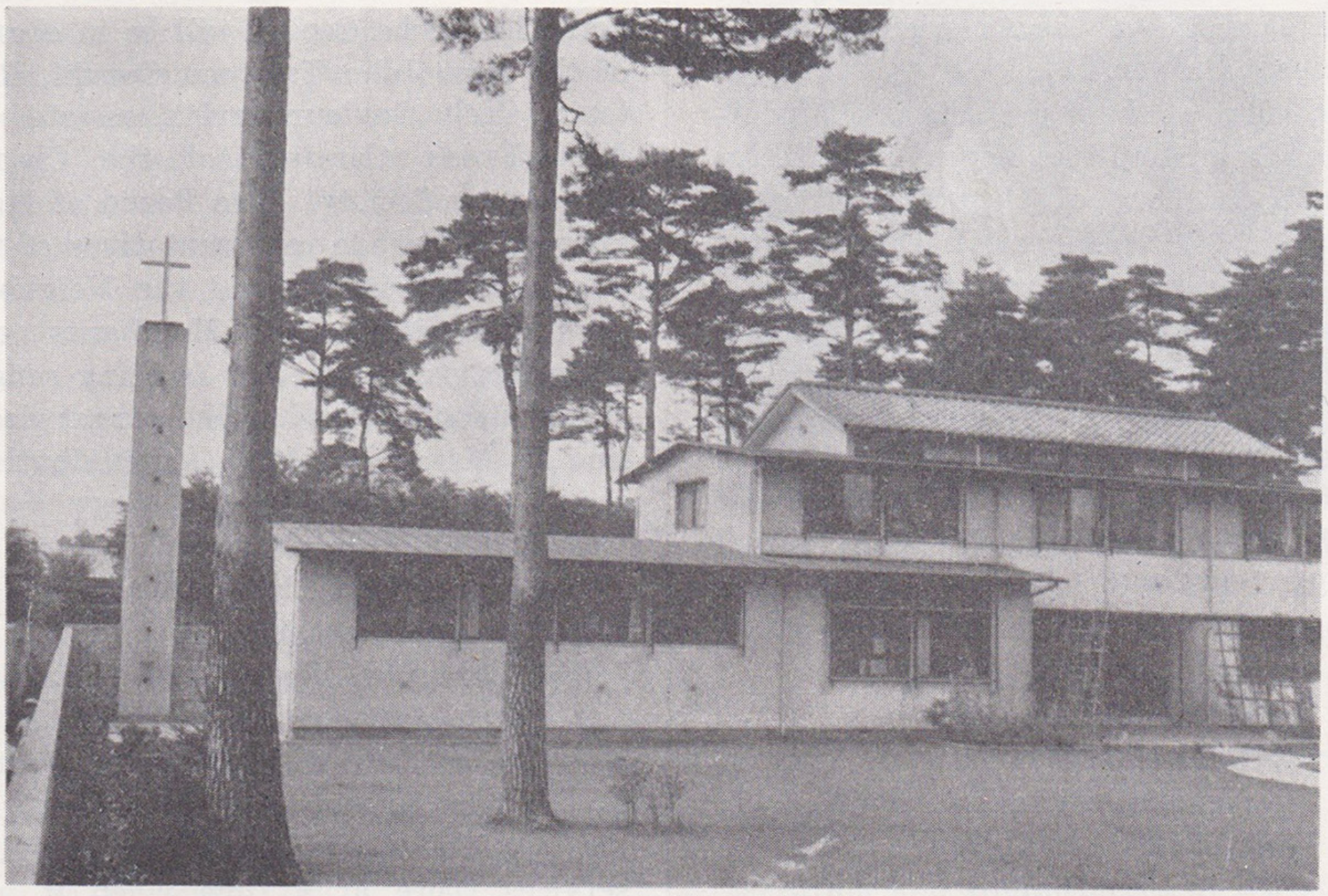
For further information about the life and work of the S.S.J.E. inquiries may be addressed to either of the following:

The Father Superior, SSJE,
980 Memorial Drive,
Cambridge, Massachusetts,
U.S.A. 02138

The Father Superior,
St. John's House,
331 Koyama,
Kurume Machi, Kitatama Gun,
Tokyo, Japan.

To all who are interested in our work, and give offerings towards our support, our semi-annual magazine MITSUKAI is sent, giving news of the life and work of the S.S.J.E. in Japan.

Those who live in the United States can count contributions to our work as Income Tax deductions if they make out their checks to the Society of St. John the Evangelist, and mail them to the Father Superior in Cambridge, Massachusetts, designating them for St. John's House, St. Michael's Monastery, or the work of the Japanese Province.



SOME APPEALS

BECAUSE we are a Religious Society we are dependent upon the generosity of our friends for the support of our work. We are very thankful that we have so many generous friends. From time to time requests for help for projects outside of our Society come to us, or are brought to our attention. We feel that since it is better to give than to receive, we should bring some of these to our readers, thus giving you a choice of several of the projects and works of the mission of the Church to which you could contribute, doing your part to "work and pray and give for the spread of God's kingdom." (See page 291 of the American Book of Common Prayer.)

The first of these projects is a kindergarten being built to honor Miss Elizabeth Upton, one of the "retired" missionaries of the American Church, still actively seeking to do God's will in Japan at the age of 84. The Upton Memorial Kindergarten is planned for Moroyama, one of the towns in which Miss Upton has worked and founded other kindergartens. With a total cost of $36,000, two-thirds is being raised locally. $12,000 is being asked from outside sources. Contributions may be sent to:

Episcopal Mission Office
48, 1-chome, Aoyama
Minami-cho, Akasaka
Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan
(or)
Mr. Lindley M. Franklin, Jr.
Treasurer,
Episcopal Church Center,
815 Second Avenue,
New York, N.Y. 10017.

Checks should be designated: Upton Memorial Kindergarten, Japan.

As Miss Upton has spent her whole missionary career, beginning in 1908, in the diocese in which our Society has its main Japanese house, we commend this project to our readers.

The second project is a Church Center for Young Workers being sponsored by Holy Saviour Church in Tokyo. This center is being built in an area teeming with young people to fill a need for a recreational, educational, cultural, and religious program witnessing for the Church to these young people. It will provide counselling, lectures, movies, and concerts, as well as study groups, Bible classes, vocational training, and other activities. The Center will be in charge of the Rev. John Tsutomu Suzuki, Rector of Holy Saviour parish, assisted by Miss Freda Cowdray of the Church Missionary Society. The Board of Managers will include representatives of the Parish, the Diocese, and the Neighborhood Association of Merchants and Manufacturers. $15,000 is being sought from friends abroad. The target deadline is March 31, 1965. Contributions should be sent to:

Financial Committee,
Holy Saviour Church Center for
Young Workers,
6, Fukagawa Fuyuki-cho, Koto-Ku,
Tokyo, Japan.

In addition to this being a worthy cause, our Society has an interest in this parish, in that Bp. Viall supplied services there at a time when it was without a priest.

The third project has a more immediate connection with the work of St. John's House. Some years ago some of the chaplains of Rikkyo University

and its related High School decided that it should be part of their ministry to establish missions of our Church along the Tobu-Tojo train line that runs between Ikebukuro, where St. Paul's University is located, and Shiki, where the High School is, and beyond. One of these was at Narimasu, near the American Air Force Housing Area called Grant Heights. On Bishop Viall's advice the Mission at Narimasu was given the same name as the American Congregation at Grant Heights, St. Martin's. Since its establishment about six years ago, St. Martin's Japanese Church has been holding Sunday services in the auditorium of a kindergarten. The congregation has grown some, but it could grow even more if it had its own building. It is hoped that land can be found fairly soon, before prices rise even higher than they are now. The ultimate plan is to build a church building that can be used by both the Japanese and the American St. Martin's Congregations. Each year on the Sunday nearest to St. Martin's Day, or on some other convenient Sunday, a combined service has been held either at Grant Heights or in Narimasu. From time to time at other times of year some members of one congregation have visited the other. But there would be much more strength for both if they could do things together more often and in their own building. ¥3,000,000 ($8,334) has already been raised. At least the same amount again should be raised before anything is done about the purchase of land and erection of a building. More money yet would enable a more adequate building to be built. Since St. John's House is responsible for providing ministrations at Grant Heights, with the help of one of the American priests on the staff of Rikkyo University when a supply priest is needed, contributions may be sent to the Father Superior, SSJE, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, or to St. John's House, Tokyo. In Japan contributions may also be sent to The Rev. Peter N. Takuma, Priest-in-charge of the Japanese St. Martin's Church, care of Rikkyo High School, Shiki,

This would be a good project for parishes in other parts of the world dedicated to St. Martin, to help us to build our St. Martin's.

A VISIT TO EAST PAKISTAN

FATHER Haratani left Japan from the Tokyo International Airport on the afternoon of September 26 for a visit to the Oxford Mission of the Epiphany at Barisal, East Pakistan, on behalf of Fr. Kimura, our Provincial Superior and Warden of the Community of Divine Charity. It had been hoped that one of the Sisters of Divine Charity could go with Fr. Haratani and stay at

Fr. Haratani and children at Oyama.

Barisal to help Sr. Francesca who is already there. But it was found that a visa could not be granted to the sister, so Fr. Haratani had to go alone.

After conferences with the Reverend Mother of the Oxford Mission Sisters, and the other sisters Fr. Haratani visited the Oxford Mission Fathers at Barisal and Calcutta, as well as the work of the Church in Dacca, the See City. He was much impressed by the work of the two Oxford Mission Communities, and wished he had planned a longer time there. Many of the native people asked him to visit their country again. He stayed in Barisal for about two weeks.

At Dacca he met an old Japanese man who had lived in that area since the time of World War II. He had been presumed dead by his family, and they had built his monument. Since then they have learned that he is alive, and working as a barber in Dacca.

While in Calcutta Father visited the Bishop's College and spoke to the students. Afterwards the students took him around "to the back yard of Calcutta to see the real life of India". He found life in India much worse than he had imagined. There were so many poor people, and a few who were very rich. The weather at the end of September was hotter than it is in Japan even in the hottest part of the summer. He was thankful for the gift of a white cassock from the Oxford Mission Fathers. He writes; "India's life was the most frightening movie I have ever seen. It was not a movie, but was real."

On his return Fr. Haratani stopped in Rangoon, where visitors are limited to a 24 hours visit. He had expected to be met by the Bishop, but apparently his letter had gone astray. The Bishop was away, and not expected back until the next day. After looking around the city, and finding it quite beautiful, he decided to return to the airport to spend the night. On his way walking to the airport he saw a small church with a cross on it. He went in to ask for a cup of water, and saw that it was dedicated to "Our Lady of Fatima". The priest was very friendly, and asked him to spend the night there. They were having a special feast, and 26 other priests were there. After the ceremonies there was a party, and Fr. Haratani was introduced to all by his host. The next morning he was driven to the airport in the Priest's car. His comment on this ecumenical experience was, "God's Grace".

From Rangoon he went to Bangkok, Cambodia, Saigon, and Hong Kong. It is expected that from there he will have gone to Taiwan for a visit with Father Morse of our Society, and then to Okinawa to visit the Sisters of Nazareth in his capacity as Sub-warden. He is expected back in Tokyo at the end of November.

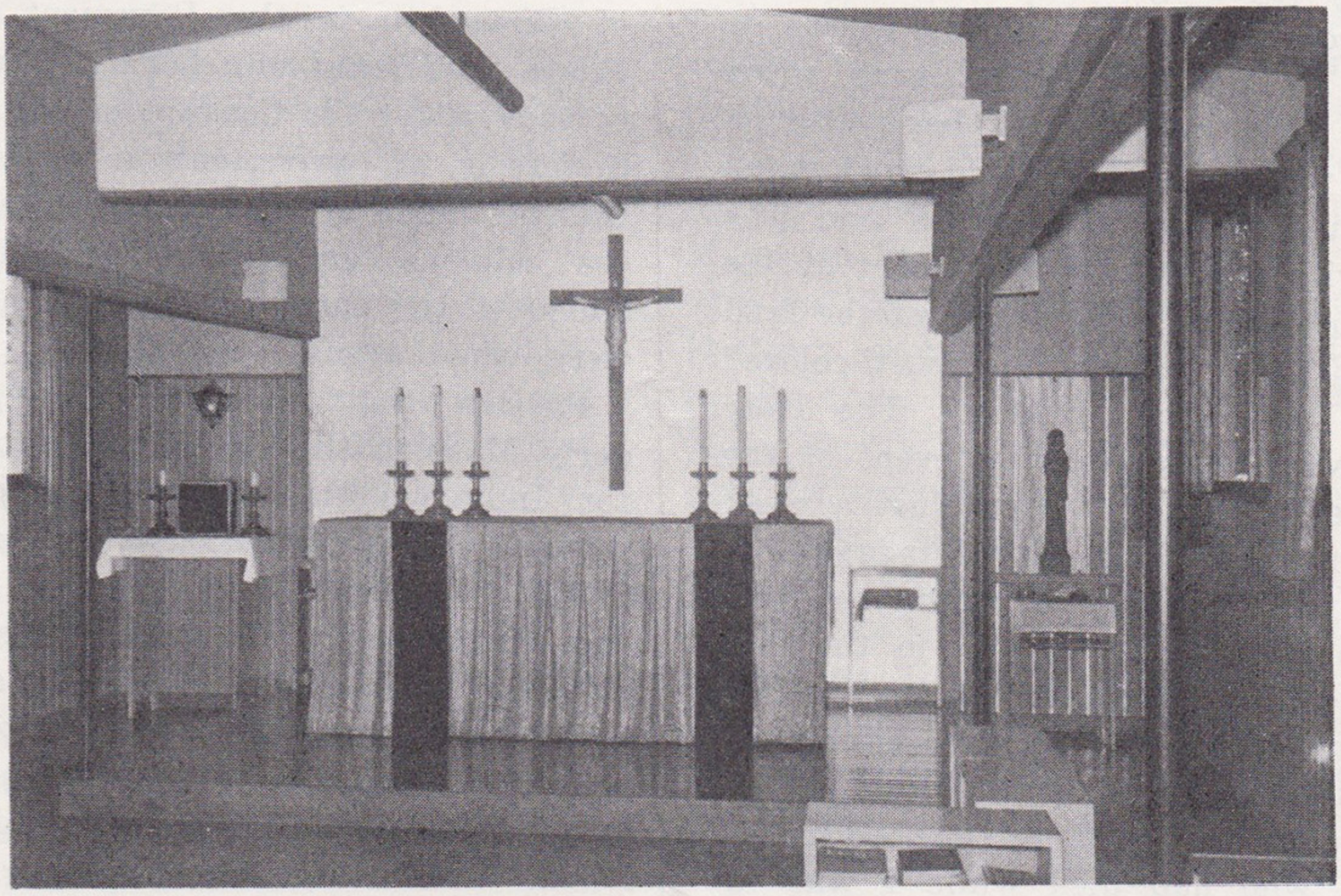
LET ME SEE
(Part II)

DURING the month I spent in England I had also several pleasant visits with some of the editorial staff at SPCK in connection with the proposed Romaji edition of the Japanese Prayer Book. Unfortunately, publication has been delayed because of the tremendous pressure of demand for Prayer Books in a number of African languages. The Romaji Japanese Prayer Book will

be both expensive and useful only to a very limited clientele. Nevertheless, there is still hope that SPCK may be able to subsidize its publication next year. There is also a possibility that we may be able to publish in Tokyo a volume, containing Morning and Evening Prayer with the Holy Communion, in Romaji and English on alternate pages.

Leaving London at the end of February I had a pleasant short visit in Zurich, where Michael Tango now works for Japan Air Lines. The Winter had been unusually mild and snow was scarce but Michael drove me up into the mountains above the lake and I was able to get a view of part of the Alps.

Flying to Rome from Zurich I did get a couple of pictures of snow covered Alps. In Rome I was made welcome by Captain and Mrs. Brown Taylor, who played the part of perfect hosts, leaving me largely free to follow my own desires for sight-seeing. I am sure I spent a very untypical week in Rome. I did not do any of the things usually done, except to visit the Catacombs, which I had missed in 1951. I took off one day to go to Florence and managed to make a whirlwind tour of most of the important Churches and galleries. The tomb of John XXIII, *quondam papa*, in the Baptistry surprised me, though I had known of him from history. A visit to the English Church and Canon Bailey brought memories of dear Father and Mrs. Stone-Alcock, to whom St. Mark's was very dear. Another day I took off for Naples and Herculaneum. Pompei I did not visit but the museum in Naples has most of the important paintings and sculptures from Pompei, which I was able to see. On the Sunday I celebrated the late Communion in St. Paul's, where Captain Taylor is a member of the Vestry. My itinerary had not included a stop in Athens but I was



St. John's House Chapel

able to get it included while I was in London.

So from Rome I flew to Athens and spent three days. One day I took the tour to Corinth and Epidaurus. The other days I explored the Acropolis and Areopagus, and visited the Cathedral and several old Churches. It was fun to be able to read street and shop signs in the Greek alphabet, though often I did not know what they meant. I said an early Mass in the English Church and meant to attend the Liturgy in the Cathedral but discovered that the Greek Church is getting modernized; the Liturgy is shortened and begins much earlier than formerly. So by the time I had breakfast it was too late for the Liturgy.

From Athens to Jerusalem it was necessary to spend a night in Beirut but Swissair took care of hotel accomodation. I got to Jerusalem, therefore, Monday morning and went at once to St. George's College, where I was to stay. Jordan had had a very rainy Winter and now at the beginning of March warm days had made every patch of ground green with grass and gay with wild flowers. In the midst of the grey rock which covers most of the land the contrast of green and multi-colored flowers was most striking. The Holy Land was the outstanding event of the homeward journey. I had just a week from mid-Lent to Passion Sunday. Fortunately I had good weather and was able to get about not only in the city but also into the country as well. The only day it rained was the day of the memorial service in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for King Constantine of Greece, who had died while I was in Athens. By singular good fortune I was able to attend the service, magnificently sung by an excellent choir and officiating Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. Afterwards I had two opportunities to make pilgrimage to the shrines in Holy Sepulchre; the second time under the guidance of the young Greek architect, who is one of the consulting architects in charge of the restoration. How wonderful it is that at last, after so many years of bitterness and quarrelling over the holy places, a measure of concord and an agreement for the restoration of the Holy Sepulchre has been reached!

Bethany, Bethlehem, Hebron, Bethel, Jericho, Jordan river, and the Dead Sea. I shall never forget them. Of them Bethlehem stands clearest in memory and next to it perhaps the walk over the Mount of Olives to Bethany, accompanied from the top of Olivet to Bethany by two small boys practicing their English. Perhaps the most impressive holy place in the city of Jerusalem is the Pavement where Pilate condemned our Lord. What can be seen under the Convent of the White Sisters is, of course, only a portion but the ruts made by the chariot wheels and the soldiers' games scratched in the stones of the pavement are still as they were when Jesus stood there.

Passion Sunday, after saying the early Mass in the Cathedral, I took off for India. I had to wait again for some hours in Beirut but got off by Swissair on time and arrived in Bombay about dawn. I had requested a reservation on a flight to Poona due to leave about forty-five minutes after the arrival of the flight from Beirut and made it, largely because the flight to Poona was delayed in starting. At Poona by airport limousine and taxi I

got to our SSJE house just as Father Bishop, the Provincial Superior, was about to go to the railway station to meet the train on which the Fathers were expecting me. It was hot in Poona. Every day of the ten days I was there I was told the temperature was 37 degrees Centigrade but it was dry and not too uncomfortable. But the end of the dry season made every thing dusty. Even the atmosphere was permeated with dust. I saw a good deal of the work of the Fathers and the Wantage Sisters. Father Huntley took me one day to the Military Academy, the West Point of India, a huge and very impressive institution, where he acts as Chaplain to the Anglicans. Palm Sunday in the Church of the Holy Name gave me an opportunity to take some color slides of the Procession. I left Poona on Maundy Thursday for Bombay to continue my journey to Djakarta. I had had to choose between travelling on Good Friday or Easter since there were only flights on Friday and Sunday. The Sunday flights would have meant no opportunity to get to Mass on Easter. So I chose to spend Good Friday flying to Indonesia.

The day did not turn out as planned. After I had checked in Thursday afternoon with BOAC for the flight and returned to my hotel room, BOAC called to say that there was a mistake. Because of the unpleasantness between Indonesia and England (the British embassy in Djakarta had been mobbed and burned) BOAC was no longer stopping at Djakarta. What was I to do? Must I wait till Sunday and lose my Easter Mass? BOAC was helpful. They took care of me by getting me on a flight to Bangkok which would connect with a flight to Djakarta but they could get no confirmation of space on the connecting flight because time was lacking for a reply. Arrived at Bangkok I was told that JAL had no space on the flight to Djakarta but eventually I was given a seat in first class. Nevertheless I was charged, not for first class accomodation but for excess weight of baggage, economy class. Such are the mysterious ways of air lines! Anyway I got to Djakarta, though hours after my expected arrival and having had several uncomfortable hours of waiting in Bangkok. But I was met with a hearty welcome by the Ihrig family. Easter I said Mass in the Church and in the afternoon confirmed Peter Ihrig by permission of the Bishop of Singapore. Flying to Djakarta I crossed the equator for the first time in my life but we had no ceremony and I received no certificate. Now my journey was fast coming to an end. From Djakarta I had to omit my proposed visit to Singapore because of the rupture of diplomatic relations. Two days in Saigon and two days in Hong Kong were but a prelude to two weeks in Taipei with Father Morse. I had intended to stay one week only but prolonged the stay because of Father's convalescence. As a result the family from St. John's House met the plane at Haneda on which I had been expected because my letter telling of my change of plan never arrived. The next week I arrived and there was no one to meet me because my letter was delivered to St. John's House two days after I had arrived. Needless to say I had a hearty welcome when I did get to St. John's House and, in spite of all the fun of travelling and the warmth of affection and hospitality I received from

friends in all my stopping places, I was happy to be home again.

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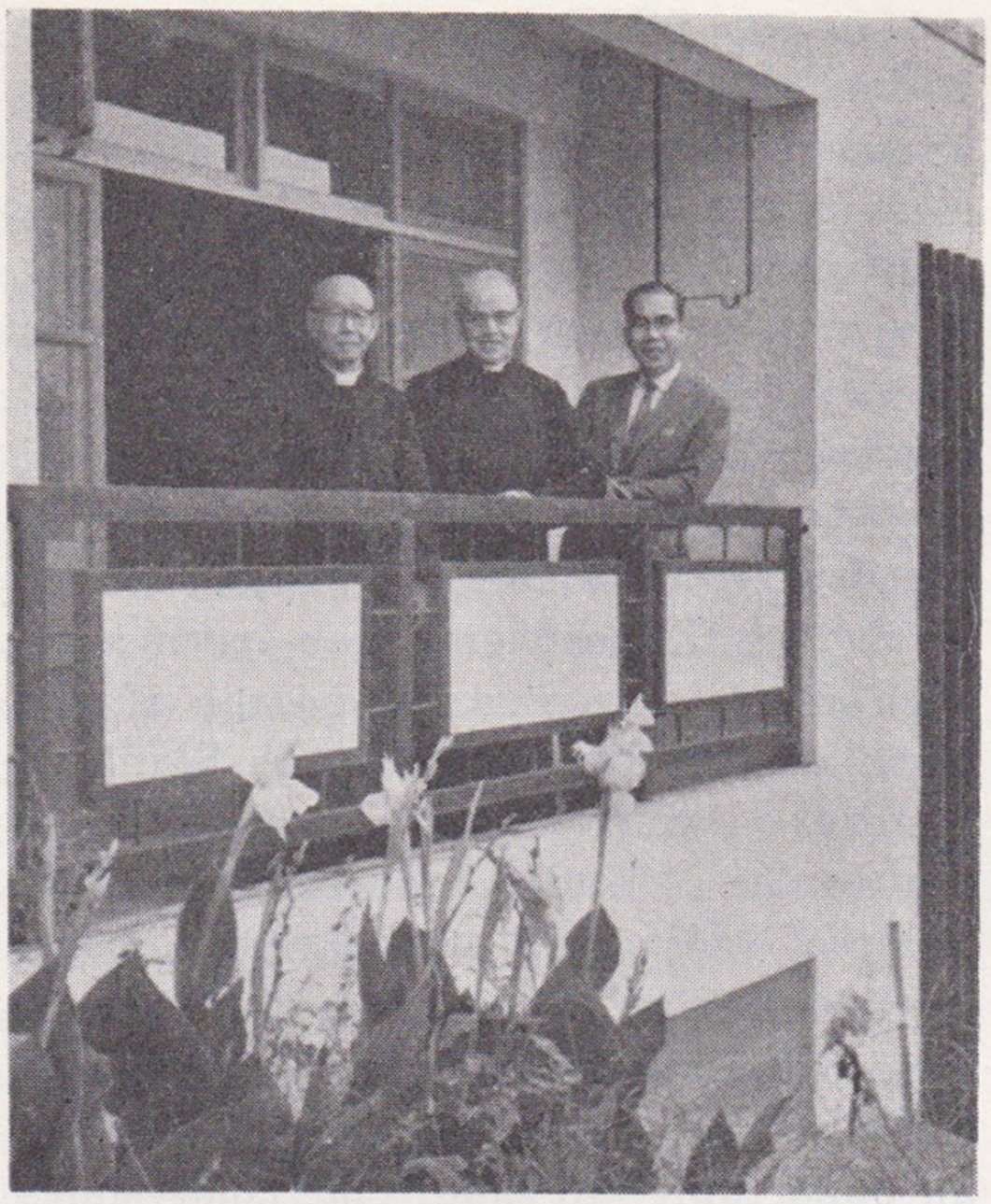
OUR WORK AT HARUNA

FOR a number of years the Fathers from Oyama have had spiritual supervision over various of the works of the Church at Haruna in in Gumma Prefecture. As we reported in our last issue the Society has been given complete spiritual charge since last spring. Besides the care for the Community of Divine Charity the work includes the Haruna-So Hospital, two Old People's Homes, and evangelistic work in the town of Haruna and at a nearby town Shimomurota, where Fr. Mori, our Associate, and former Priest-in-charge at Haruna, had started a new mission which is receiving financial help from the American Church Mission Office. Fathers Kimura, Sakurai, and Koizumi share the work, taking their turns at the Sunday duties, and depending much on the help of the Sisters.

On Sundays there are two Masses. One is at the Convent Chapel at 6:30 A.M., and the other is at 10:00 at the church. There is a combined average of over 40 communions each Sunday.

Fr. Kimura is Priest-in-charge of all the work. In addition to being Warden of the Community of Divine Charity he has specific responsibility as Chaplain to the hospital. One of the things about this hospital which impresses people is the care given by the Father and the Sisters to the dying, and the reverent way in which those who have died are prepared by the Sisters for burial. The body of one who has died is placed in



Fr. Sakurai, Fr. Williams, and Mr. Barnabas Hara at Haruna-So.

a coffin filled with flowers, which is put in the mortuary chapel, the small chapel formerly used by the Sisters. This chapel has a wooden sanctuary floor, where the coffin is placed. The rest of the chapel has tatami (rice straw mats) and is used by the family and friends of the deceased for keeping the night watch before the funeral. Prayers are offered for all of the departed, whether or not they were Christian. On All Souls' Day this year, at the annual Requiem Mass, the number of names of all who have died since the beginning of the hospital had grown so large that it was decided only to read the names of those who had died within the last 10 years, but of course to pray for the souls of all the departed.

Many of the patients say that they hope that they can be in the Haruna-So

Hospital when it is their time to die, because of the kindness and care shown to the dying and departed. The families of the departed are very thankful, too, for this care.

Fr. Sakurai is in charge of the Old People's Homes, and visits Haruna-So (which means a group of buildings, less than a village, but more than a house) for at least five days each month. He says he is learning much in working with them.

At the charity home the majority of the seventy-five people are uneducated. Several cannot read. Five or six are blind, and many are deaf. In instructing them the Father must use a loud voice, and the talk must be kept within ten minutes. Some times even ordinary simple church language is beyond them —yet he is asked to teach them the essentials of the Saving Truth, such as the meaning of the Incarnation, the Cross, Resurrection, life after death, judgement, Eternal Life, and so on. Our Lord often used parables and metaphors in conveying the Divine Truth, and Fr. Sakurai has been trying to use the same method in his own way. He says that this is much more difficult than writing pamphlets and booklets. Fortunately Mrs. Hara, the Matron, is a good evangelist, and she repeats the instructions in simpler words. One of the Sisters is giving weekly instruction also, using pictures. A woman conducts daily devotions, singing familiar hymns and reciting the rosary. About two thirds of the people have been baptized and confirmed now.

At the other Old People's Home several are retired school teachers, and the

Fr. Sakurai, Bp. Okubo, and two of the Sisters with the biggest class the Bishop has ever confirmed. Haruna-So, September 19, 1964.

educational level is generally high. Fr. Sakurai has three classes there; a Bible class open for anybody, an instruction class for Church members and candidates for Baptism, and a class for the workers at the two Homes. Personal conferences are increasing. At morning devotions a three minute sermonette is given. In Fr. Sakurai's absence this is given by Mr. Barnabas Hara, the manager of the Homes. The morning devotions are broadcast through a microphone so that even people who cannot come to the central meeting hall on account of their physical infirmities may hear. At this home, also, one of the Sisters gives weekly instructions, and a layman conducts informal meetings frequently for Christians, lapsed Christians, and enquirers.

In Japan old people need more courage than younger people in becoming Christians on account of opposition of the families who support them. Very often, as at the Hospital, a happy death and Christian funeral converts people far more than much preaching.

Mr. Barnabas Hara who founded these two homes has put his mind, heart, and energy into the work. These have become widely known in Japan as model Homes for Old People.

Fr. Koizumi visits Haruna for three days each month. He has special talents for working with children, especially boys. He plays baseball with them on Saturday afternoon in order to become acquainted with them first. He is training the Christian boys as acolytes. He is responsible also for the work in the town, where he has an evening Mass on Saturday for people who cannot come on Sunday morning. The new mission at Shimomurota is also under the care of Fr. Koizumi.

Winter at St. Michael's Monastery, Garden and Hanareya (Guest Cottage).

COMMUNITY NOTES
ST. MICHAEL'S MONASTERY

FR. Kimura, Provincial Superior, spends two weeks each month at Haruna where he is Warden of the Sisters of Divine Charity and Chaplain to the hospital.

Fr. Sakurai keeps busy with his liturgical work. He preached a mission at St. Saviour's Church, Nagano, in the Diocese of Mid-Japan September 4-5.

Fr. Haratani's visit to East Pakistan, India, and South East Asia is mentioned elsewhere in this issue.

Fr. Koizumi continues to promote our *Pen Evangelism.* Recently two booklets were reprinted. A Simple Commentary on St. Luke's Gospel is in preparation. Some other new pamphlets are being planned.

Fr. Oyama is in charge of the Church of the Transfiguration at Nikko. He conducted a Diocesan Quiet Day for members of the Women's Auxiliary at St. Michael's Monastery on September 21st.

Joseph Morishima, our former helper is getting better. But it is doubtful whether he can come back to the Monastery to help us again. The fathers are taking their turns at working in the kitchen.

THE VISIT OF FR. WILLIAMS

DURING the past 8 months we have been privileged to have Father Williams in Japan as the representative of the Father Superior. It has been our custom for the Superior to visit the Japanese Province once every three years. With his election as the new Superior last year Fr. Pedersen felt it was better for him to spend his first year in office at the Mother House in Cambridge. Therefore he asked Fr. Williams, who had visited Japan many times before, when he was Superior, to be his representative, as well as supplement the numbers at St. John's House in Tokyo during part of Fr. Clayton's furlough.

During this visit to Japan Fr. Williams has tried, as far as possible, to divide his time between St. John's House in Kurume, and St. Michael's Monastery at Oyama. He also was able to visit our work at Haruna both in the spring, and in the early fall.

In addition to these visits in Japan Fr. Williams went twice to Taipei in Taiwan (Formosa) to visit our dear Fr. Morse, who has been recuperating after his serious operation last winter. The first time was on May 12 for two weeks. On the two Sundays he was there Fr. Williams took the Mass and preached for the group of military personnel (MAAG) that Fr. Morse has been shepherding for the past few years. He was also treated by that group to a "Church Supper", which gave him a chance to get to know a number of Fr. Morse's faithful friends. He visited Taiwan again in the fall, and we are told that his visits were as good as medicine for Fr. Morse in aiding his recovery, which has been really amazing.

Fr. Oyama takes his turn in the kitchen.

ST. JOHN'S HOUSE

DURING Fr. Clayton's furlough in America Bp. Viall is taking over the Sunday Evening English conversation and Bible classes at St. John's House, and the Friday afternoon class at Musashi Business College. Fr. Allen teaches the English and Bible Class at the Tokyo Rehabilitation Hospital in Kiyose, the next town to Kurume, on

Monday afternoons, and the beginning English class at St. John's House Monday evenings. Bp. Viall goes to St. Patrick's Church, Tachikawa, three Sundays out of every four, and trades places with Fr. Allen one Sunday each month at Grant Heights.

June 25 and 26 Fr. Allen attended the Tokyo Diocesan Clergy Conference at the Christian Academy House, Oiso. This is a conference center founded by German Evangelical missionaries on the pattern of the lay academies which have grown popular in Europe. It is in a lovely seacoast location about an hour and a half south of Tokyo by train. Bp. Creighton of Washington D.C., and Bp. Goto of Tokyo outlined some of the ways in which the two "sister dioceses" could put Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence (the theme of the 1963 Anglican Congress) into effect. On the 28th Fr. Allen represented St. John's House at the dedication of the new Tokyo Diocesan Center and office building located near the Tokyo Tower. On the 29th Bp. and Mrs. Creighton visited St. John's House and had lunch with us.

Bp. Viall and Fr. Allen took turns July 14-16 attending sessions of a missionary conference held at the International Christian University at Mitaka.

Sunday afternoon, July 19, Fr. Allen took some of the younger members of our English Conversation classes on an outing to Higashi Fushimi where they swam in the Waseda University pool and went boating in a nearby park.

On St. Mary Magdalene's Day, July 22, Bp. Viall and Fr. Haratani took part in the profession of Sr. Theodora Junko at the Nazareth Convent.

From July 24 to August 6 Fr. Allen was at Towada Lake with two Japanese university students and an American high school student from Grant Heights. Bp. Viall was at Towada Lake with some other young people August 6-20. Then he went to Okunakayama in Iwate-Ken, August 20-26 for Youth Group Conference Retreats for the Junior and Senior Groups from Misawa Air Force Base.

Fr. Williams took the 9:00 A.M. services at St. Patrick's Church, Tachikawa, for the English speaking congregation for four Sundays of Bp. Viall's absence. Then he went to our cottage at Towada Lake for his rest on August 17, accompanied by Fr. Koizumi and Benedict Maki, one of the houseboys at St. John's House. They returned on the 29th so that Fr. Williams could conduct a Quiet Day for women at the Nazareth Convent on September 1st. That day was one of the most humid of the entire summer; nevertheless twelve women were brave enough to face the weather in order to make the retreat.

On September 3rd Fr. Williams and Bp. Viall went up to KEEP, the educa-

St. John's House on a winter morning.

tional and experimental farm project in the mountains at Kiyosato, for a visit with Dr. Paul Rusch. Bp. Viall could only stay overnight, but Fr. Williams spent six happy days, made especially memorable by the visit of their Imperial Highnesses, Princess Chichibu, and Prince and Princess Mikasa. The Father was greatly pleased to meet these members of the Japanese Imperial family, and to find them so friendly and democratic.

Fr. Allen represented St. John's House at the Diocesan Family Service and the luncheon at St. Margaret's School in Nishi Ogikubo on September 23. He was honored by being chosen as one of the four priests administering the Chalice, and was glad that he had learned to do this in Japanese.

On September 27 Bp. Viall spoke at the Sunday Evening General Protestant Service at Grant Heights on the work of the Society and on his travels last winter and spring.

Fr. Williams made a second visit to Fr. Morse in Taiwan from October 8 to 21. He was happy to find him greatly improved in health and strength. Fr. Morse can now walk without a cane, and is able to take the whole service for his MAAG group on Sundays. He also travels on the bus, twice a week, to his feeding station and clinic, held in an old Taoist temple in Taipei, where the very poor men and boys of the city are provided daily with a simple, but nourishing, meal. Fr. Williams accompanied him one day during his visit when over 200 men and boys were fed.

On October 9 Fr. Allen was unexpectedly invited to speak on the Religious Life at an Air Force Preaching Mission being conducted by his former Rector, the Rev. F. W. Kates, now of Elizabeth, New Jersey. Even though he had come unprepared, expecting only to hear Fr. Kates, he was able to give a brief resume of the meaning of the vows, and the nature of our work. We are always glad to have a chance to speak about our life and work, and to inform people about our mission—which is to serve our Lord in the way to which He has called us.

Bp. Viall made an autumn visit to Towada Lake October 15-18 with Mototsugu Takei, one of our houseboys, and Stephen Kunita, one of our former houseboys, to close the house there for the winter. On the 19th he visited Misawa Air Force Base, and then went to Hokkaido, from the 20th to the 22nd, for consultation with Bp. Ueda about a branch house of the Community of Nazareth. He visited Imagane, while he was there, one of the places suggested for the convent.

Father Clayton was one of the representatives of the Society at the Religious Life booth at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in St. Louis, Missouri, October 11-23. After that he spent about a month visiting various places in the Mid-West and the Eastern United States speaking on our Japanese work, showing colored slides, and seeing many old friends, some of whom he had last seen in Japan.

On October 26th Fr. Williams and Bp. Viall had lunch with the Roman Catholic Benedictines at St. Anselm's Priory in Tokyo.

Fr. Williams left Japan from Haneda Airport on the evening of November 10 for the United States. He spent two weeks visiting friends and relatives in California, returning to Cambridge in

time for Thanksgiving Day after having been away nearly seventeen months.

Bp. Viall officiated at the blessing of children at the Nazareth Kindergarten on November 14 in a Christian adaptation of the Japanese Shichigosan ceremony for seven, five and three year olds. He was the celebrant this year of the annual Thanksgiving Day Mass held at St. John's House for members of our congregations at Grant Heights and Tachikawa. On the 28th he officiated at the clothing of Novice Chieko at the Nazareth Convent, and installed Fr. Noah Sato as resident chaplain for the Sisters. On the 29th he confirmed a class at Tachikawa Air Force Base.

The Annual Parish Meeting at St. Patrick's Church, Tachikawa was also held on November 29th. On December 20th Bp. Viall is scheduled to confirm a class at Grant Heights presented by Fr. Allen.

A retreat for women missionaries and other English speaking women is to be held at the Nazareth Convent December 28-31. The conductor is to be Fr. Allen.

COMMUNITY OF NAZARETH

AS in America, so also in Japan there has been an increase in the number of opportunities for cooperation and sharing of ideas in

Bp. Goto; Bp. Viall, SSJE; Fr. Haratani, SSJE; and Nazareth Sisters at the Profession of Sr. Theodora Junko, July 22, 1964.

areas of common interest between the Religious Communities of our Church and of the Roman Catholic Church. This fall, as in the past several years, the Reverend Mother and the Novice Mistress of the Community of Nazareth attended the annual meeting of Novice Mistresses sponsored by the Roman Catholic Federation of Religious Congregations of Sisters in Japan. It was held for five days, from the 25th to the 29th of September, at Seisen Girls' College. This year, in addition to the two Nazareth Sisters, Mother Theresa Fukada, CDC, and her Novice Mistress represented the Community of Divine Charity. There were gathered together 130 sisters representing 54 communities from all parts of Japan. Such good friendship was shown to the Anglican Sisters that they were never alone at the breaks between sessions or at meals. Many Sisters invited us to come to see their houses and life.

During the conference there was a Sung Mass for the Unity of the churches in the world. On the Sunday morning there was a Solemn Mass. The conference closed with Solemn Benediction on the evening of the last day.

We were thankful for the opportunity of having our own day of retreat, and a three day retreat for the novices and postulants in September, conducted by Fr. Barnabas Yogata, SSM, who was in Japan on his furlough from the Society of the Sacred Mission in Kelham, England.

We were most grateful for the grace of God which enabled us to be given a Calvary Garden on the grounds of our Convent. It was really rather a surprize for us. Was there anyone who would have thought it six months ago? We are very happy with it. It was blessed on the 15th of October, St. Theresa's day, by Bishop Viall, SSJE, our Warden.

Chiyo, Mother C. N.

Bishop Viall blessing the Calvary Garden.

INTERCESSION

Please Pray for—

The Peace of the world.

The opening of hearts and minds to the teachings of Christ.

Vocations to the Religious Life, and to missionary work.

Lord God of powers, do Thou sanctify the pastors and prelates of Thy sheep, that our adversary the devil, overcome by their faith and holiness, may not dare to touch or violate the flock of the Lord in the islands of Japan. May they increase and multiply until they fill the land and Thy holy sign of the Cross crown every mountain and hill; Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNITY OF DIVINE CHARITY

Under the guidance of Father Kimura the Community is growing steadily. Two postulants were received in July, and two aspirants have been living with the sisters. The Community has a fairly long aspirancy and postulancy. With the growth of the Community the refectory has become overcrowded, and the kitchen is too small. Soon a larger refectory and kitchen will have to be built. The sisters have been doing splendid work as nurses, kindergarteners, and as evangelists at Haruna. In September, as well as in May, they had the joy of visits from Fr. Williams.

Two sisters warming themselves at the kotatsu, ***Haruna-So.***

Fr. Barnabas Yogata, SSM, and the Nazareth Novitiate.

THANKSGIVING

Give Thanks with us for—

The Thirtieth Anniversary of the Japanese Province.

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of St. Michael's Monastery, Oyama.

The Fifth Anniversary of St. John's House, Kurume Machi, Tokyo.

The visit of Fr. Williams, and his safe return to Cambridge.

The generous contributions received for our Building Fund.